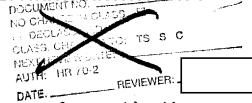
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AFRICA: INTELLIGENCE SIDELIGHTS



- In connection with one of the policy papers for consideration at today's meeting, there are some intelligence sidelights which illustrate the most important trends in Africa south of the Sahara.
- problems, the accelerated pace of nationalist demands

 for early independence, and the growing interest in Africa
 shown by the Soviet Union.
 - II. In the Balgian Congo, which has been virtually free for a racial or nationalist disturbances, serious riots broke out on 16 June after a football game between an all-white and all-Congoleseeteams.
 - settlers apprently panicked. They bought up the local supply of firearms, tried to punish some innocent native houseboys, and talked in terms of the end of Belgian rule.

 B. The government flew in an experienced police chief from Belgium, armed the police with pistols and tear gas bombs, and cannelled all football matches for the rest of June. No further recedule have been reported.

 C. The Belgians have recently granted basic rights to Congolese labor unions and plan to permit limited voting by Africans in municipal elections.
 - they have stepped up their demands for complete independence.

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some top French officials foresee independence for that area in from two to five years.

- The more autonomy the French grant, the more the Africans want. The Africans are already acting like the real rulers, and they are not being opposed by French officials.
- In British East Africa, nationalists are demanding more representation in local government.
- In Kenya, Africans have refused since March to take their seats in the elected Council of Ministers unless that their representation is increased.
- In Uganda, in response to nationalist pressures for early independence, the British have agreed to hand direct legislative elections next year.
- Despite rebuffs, the Soviet Union continues to try to ٧× expand its influence in the African continent. heavily
 - The Bloc was well represented at Ghana's independence celebration in March, and the Communists are still trying Liberia. There is the wiresel travel between thise?

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 - by Communists in Paris and London, attended the World Youth Festival in Moscow.
 - Soviet academic journals have recently published a spate of articles about Africa.

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